

Sara Zarr Quotes

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That's how you know you really trust someone, I think; when you don't have to talk all the time to make sure they still like you or prove that you have interesting stuff to say.

~Sara Zarr

When the reader and one narrator know something the other narrator does not, the opportunities for suspense and plot development and the shifting of reader sympathies get really interesting.

~Sara Zarr

The kind of life I want is to be a person who would get a personal note every day.

~Sara Zarr

Try a little tenderness.

~Sara Zarr

It makes me think of Lazarus. He must have had those shadows after his miracle. You don't spend time in the tomb without it changing you, and everyone who was waiting for you to come out.

~Sara Zarr

I remember being in high school and listening to Vivaldi's 'Winter' and being so overwhelmed with emotion.

~Sara Zarr

I had them all fooled into believing I was normal and well-adjusted, a rock of sensibility who could always be counted on to have a positive attitude.

~Sara Zarr

Life was mostly made up of things you couldn't control, full of surprises, and they weren't always good. Life wasn't what you made it. You were what life made you.

~Sara Zarr

That's how life feels to me. Everyone is doing it; everyone knows how. To live and be who they are and find a place, find a moment. I'm still waiting.

~Sara Zarr

Because love, love is never finished. It circles and circles, the memories out of order and not always complete.

~Sara Zarr

he's a story i want to know from page one

~Sara Zarr

When the remembering was done, the forgetting could begin.

~Sara Zarr

Because love, love never finishes.

~Sara Zarr

Sitting and waiting for something to happen was the worst kind of torture.

~Sara Zarr

don't mistake a new place for a new you.

~Sara Zarr

And he left. I watched him walk out - he didn't say good-bye, he didn't even look back. It scared me, how easy it was for him to do that.

~Sara Zarr

I know I shouldn't say thisâ€”I know it as surely as I know the earth is round and beats are evilâ€”and yet here it comes: â€œIt's not too late to change your mind.

~Sara Zarr

I'm still going to love you, always. And in the rock-paper-scissors of life, love is rock. fear, anger, everthing else...no contest.

~Sara Zarr

You were never what I wanted to forget.

~Sara Zarr

Everyone has an identity crisis when they are 16 or 17 years old.

~Sara Zarr

The Lord doesn't give a person more than he knows they can bear.

~Sara Zarr

It's just so out of control. Life, I mean. The way it flies off in all these different directions without your permission.

~Sara Zarr

My whole life has been one big broken promise.

~Sara Zarr

What brings two people together anyway?

~Sara Zarr

I don't want these memories to become slippery, to just disappear into the thin air of life the way most things seem to. I want them to stick - even the bad ones - so I repeat them often.

~Sara Zarr

We'd need a miracle," he says. "A real one. Do you think those happen anymore?"

~Sara Zarr

the mark we've left on each other is the color and shape of love. That's the unfinished business between us. because love, love is never finished.

~Sara Zarr

Some people come into your life and leave a mark.

~Sara Zarr

My books usually end where they began. I try to bring characters back to a point that is familiar but different because of the growth that they have gone through.

~Sara Zarr

It's as if once you hit high school, you're programmed, like a robot, to be an asshole to your parents.

~Sara Zarr

It's a jagged thing in my throat, how much I miss her.

~Sara Zarr

I never had a connection like that to anyone, where every day you think about what you'll tell them and you wonder what they're doing, and you know they're wondering what you're doing.

~Sara Zarr

He felt it too, the air between us, the invisible lines that something or someone had drawn to connect us. That's the way I remember it.

~Sara Zarr

Don't ask me how I am,' I blurt. 'Please.' I want to keep feeling good. Just because the lights are on doesn't mean I have to look.

~Sara Zarr

There's a lot that is awful. That's the struggle of getting old. To make

sure you don't let what's hard...obscure the beauty.

~Sara Zarr

One of my favorite authors is Robert Cormier. He was a devout Catholic and a very nice man, which might not be the impression you get from reading his books.

~Sara Zarr

My parents met in music school and my father was a music professor and conductor. Growing up, we always had classical and contemporary music playing. There was a lot of Mozart and the Beatles.

~Sara Zarr

My first job is to write the characters as full and authentic people as well as I can.

~Sara Zarr

I'm always in a place that is sincere but conflicted about different things that come with being a Christian and being an active, churchgoing Christian.

~Sara Zarr

I wanted to be free to write the way I wanted to write, and my impression of Christian publishing, at least in fiction, was that there wasn't room for what I wanted to write.

~Sara Zarr

There were about ten years of trying, failing, trying again, suffering rejection, etc. My first published book, 'Story of a Girl', was the fourth book I wrote.

~Sara Zarr

I have no desire to go back to San Francisco.

~Sara Zarr

Sometimes you should have something you don't need but that you want.

~Sara Zarr

Sometimes you want to hear your own mother's voice.

~Sara Zarr

No one measures a life in weeks and days. You measure life in years and by the things that happen to you.

~Sara Zarr

In a way, "failure" is just another word for "the journey," for not being there yet but on the way. It's the road we walk on to get wherever it is we're trying to go.

~Sara Zarr

Katy skipped over, her low-rise jeans threatening to fall off her skinny hips. With some girls, that was a sexy look. With Katy, it made you nervous.

~Sara Zarr

I wonder how you're supposed to know the exact moment when there's no more hope.

~Sara Zarr

It's like a Venn diagram of tragedy.

~Sara Zarr

A know a place called New Beginnings, but I don't think it works quite like that. You can't just erase everything that came before.

~Sara Zarr

I tried his cell over and over but he never answered. Then I'd call just to hear his voice on the outgoing message, until eventually that was gone

too.

~Sara Zarr

the past only had whatever power you gave it; life was what you made it and if you wanted something different from what you had, it was up to you to make it happen.

~Sara Zarr

The one thing that could never die or be buried was my loyalty to Cameron for everything he'd done for me and what we'd been through together, even if that loyalty was a ghost.

~Sara Zarr

Remember that no matter where I am or what I'm doing I've got a special place inside me that's all for you. It's been there since the day we met.

~Sara Zarr

I lived too much in my head instead of the real world.

~Sara Zarr

I looked at my hand resting on the shelf of the prop cabinet, thinking of the scars that were there whether anyone could see them or not.

~Sara Zarr

Ethan couldn't possibly understand it, what Cameron and I meant to each other and how different it was from anything like a romance or a crush.

~Sara Zarr

I'm not really a plot writer - I'm more interested in the characters and sort of small events that propel the story forward.

~Sara Zarr

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I was a 'learn by doing' writer - I never took any formal writing classes. So it took a long time to figure things out and find my voice.

~Sara Zarr

The one reader I'm trying to please as I write is me, and I'm pretty difficult to please.

~Sara Zarr

I didn't 'decide' to write YA, per se. But every time I thought of a story, it featured characters 15, 16, 17.

~Sara Zarr

I don't like to do too much psychological research because it might turn a character into a patchwork.

~Sara Zarr

Family or love or romance, whatever it is, is not restricted to perfect people. If it were, it wouldn't exist. All of that comes out in my work in some way.

~Sara Zarr

I played the clarinet, and my sister played the violin... If we had the discipline and the passion, maybe we could have been good.

~Sara Zarr

I grew up in San Francisco in the 1970s. We were part of a church that belonged to the California Jesus movement.

~Sara Zarr

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